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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1874

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英八月十二號 香港

PRICE \$21 PER MONTH.

Intimations

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FU
THE Steamship

"K'WANG-TUNG,"
Captain Fennell, will leave for the aforesaid ports, on **WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at noon**, at the time previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LA PRATRE
34 1301, Hongkong, 18th August

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FU
THE Steamship

"DOUGLAS,"
Captain Burnell, will leave for the aforesaid ports, on **SUNDAY, the 25th instant, at 8 P.M.**

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LA PRATRE
34 1301, Hongkong, 20th August

THE IRINE TRANS-PACIFIC
SHIP COMPANY, (LIMITED)

THE Company's Steamer
"YASOO IEE GAMA,"
2,500 tons Register, Captain J. E. Leau, on **TUESDAY, the 1st, September, at noon**, for **SAINT FRANCISCO, Y. M. M. A.**, taking Passengers, Mail, and cargo.

Passage Tickets and Bill
for transportation to San

Canada, and Europe, via Overland R.
Atlantic lines of Steamers.
Passage Tickets are now issued
at the following reduced rates:—
From HONGKONG to YOKOHAMA
Cabin,
From HONGKONG to YOKOHAMA a
return, Cabin,

KONG TO SAN FRANCISCO

and Return, Cables, &c. From HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (M. BOSTON, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, and BALTIMORE, let On From HONGKONG TO LIVERPOOL, &c. From HONGKONG TO PARIS, let On At New York, Passengers have various lines of Steamers to Europe. This Steamship is fitted out for first-class Passengers, and carries several Surgeons and Stewards. For further particulars, as to Freight, apply to

RUSSELL

1305 Hongkong, 20th August, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders, and Subscribers to the Building, will be held in the Theatre Royal, on the 22nd inst.

By Order,

73 1802 Hongkong, 20th August 1934.
MR. ROBERT HUNTER hereby
 authorized to sign our Firm per
 BRADLEY & CO.
 1st 1803 Swatow, 17th August, 1934.
 The Interest and Responsibility
 of the Firm, WA Kong in the Firm
 WA Conglomerated House Build-
 on the 11th August, 1934.
PANG A
 Contract
 No. 26, Queen's
 73 1804 Hongkong, 13th August
S. S. GALLEY OF LORNE A
GLENFILLAS, FROM LONDON
A LL Claims against the above
 must be sent in to the Under-
 before WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst

GILMAN

WANTED TO RENT A Good-ROOM, with Bath Room at Address "S." office of this Paper price and location.
1296 Hongkong, 12th August, 1895

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT'S LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.
CHAS. H. MO

1296 Hongkong, 12th June 1895

res to Consign

S. S. **GLENFILLAS**, FROM LONDON
SINGAPORE, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by
Steamer are hereby informed
Goods are being landed and stored
in the Godowns of the Undersigned
whenever delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take their
goods along-side the wharf are at
liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be sent on, unless
to the contrary be given before
the Goods are landed.

Goods remaining in store after the
Bills of Lading to be sent for Out-
turn to

7d 1275, Hongkong, 14th August
S.S. GALLERY OF LORNE, FROM
LONDON, SINGAPORE, &c.

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r are hereby informed

RE. Goods are being landed and stored a-
NG. in the Godowns of the Undersig-
whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take their Goods
the boats alongside the wharf are at
do so.
Optional Cargo will be sent on, un-
to the contrary be given before 13
14th instant.
Goods remaining in store after the
will be subject to rent.
GILMAN

ENNE DES MESSAGI

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES of the following goods are to send in their bills of lading to the undersigned for countersigning take immediate delivery; the cargo landed and stored at their risk and expense. No insurance has been effected.

Q. GREENBERG, Principal

Es "Donner"	2nd July, 1918	
FD, 1/18,	35 cases	open
Hampton,	20 cases	Close
Es "Amber"	14th July, 1918	
Paymaster Lucia A.		
Corke, U.S.N., U.S.		
655, Yorks, 20, Pa.	1 small	open
Master Ch. G. Guild		nr
U.S. Dept.		
WB in diamond, 1/2	8 cases	Close
RB, 39/18,	11	Dr
EN197,	1 case	Free

1	bale	Cotton
1	"	Pear

On, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595,

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The Daily Press

HONGKONG, AUGUST 20th, 1874.

This report of the Adulteration Committee, which we published yesterday, touches upon various points in regard to Tea which are of interest in China. In the first place, the rather unpleasant fact is brought out that the main part of the adulteration takes place in China, and seriously enough it appears that the manipulation at home is directed chiefly to removing the artificial tinge placed upon the Teas in China. The report says that very little adulteration of Teas is practiced at home, but that defacing Teas or removing artificial colour seems to be much more common, but that this curious curio does not have the effect of extracting the ingredients which form the base of the colouring matter, and that the injurious elements are still left on the Teas. This statement it must be confessed reveals a very interesting state of affairs. A number of people in China and Japan, are busily employed colouring Teas, while as many are busily engaged at home unifying them. Whatever view of the subject be taken it must at least be admitted that there is some waste of labour here, and that there is room for a compromise between the colourers in China and the decolorers at home. Mr. HONNEMANN, whose uncoloured Teas are supposed to be sent direct from China and to be specially grown for him, ought to have good opening at this point, but it is a peculiarity that nobody in China knows where the mysterious regions may be where these specially-grown Teas are produced, and it becomes an interesting question whether they are not to some extent indebted to the various processes of decoloration above noticed.

The conclusion which the Committee come to on the subject is unfortunately extremely vague. They cannot recommend that fairly faced Teas should be condemned as adulterated articles. Without laying any undue stress upon what might have the appearance of a verbal quibble it must be confessed that there is something rather striking in a Commission upon adulteration talking about "fairly faced Teas"—that is "fairly adulterated" Teas, as put the matter home one will, the artificial facing is an adulteration and nothing else. This is to a great extent giving up the whole point, as it must of necessity be extremely difficult to draw a line of demarcation, and define accurately to what extent adulteration can be carried on without bringing the Teas within the law. In fact, the Committee admit that this is impossible, and are forced to recommend some less stringent rule than that which has hitherto been in force, by which all Teas which could be shown to be coloured were held to come within the Act. It is satisfactory that they admit this has borne too hardly upon the retail grocers—a point it may be remembered to which we called attention in connection with a recent case, and the only conclusion that could be come to was that the Government should strike at the origin of the evil, and make arrangements with the Custom House for the examination of Teas as imported. It is also satisfactory to note that this will not be a matter of much difficulty, and that there seems every probability that it will be the solution of the matter that will be ultimately arrived at.

From the Committee's report, we judge that it is recognised that there has been a certain amount of exaggeration on the subject, and that Teas which are only faced in China to a moderate extent are not so injurious as to call for Government interference. There seems to be no question that there was

a certain amount of excitement engendered by some atrociously bad cases, such as the celebrated "Malo Mixture"—but that upon the whole the evil is not one of so stupendous a character as to demand such extremely severe means of suppression as were applied to it under the Food Adulteration Act. The unlucky retail dealer was never safe. To obtain Teas absolutely uncoloured was almost impossible, and he could never know what might pass, and what would not. Of course, looking at the subject in a strictly logical light, the retail dealer ought not to sell Teas adulterated at all—but logic and commerce are at times incompatible, as is shown very clearly by the conclusion which the Committee, after very careful investigation were themselves compelled to arrive at, as to what ought and what ought not to be considered adulterated Teas. On the whole, it must be confessed that their conclusions seem fair and reasonable. The plain fact is that it would be simply Quixotic to attempt to stamp out all facing of Teas—a practice which is almost coeval with the tea trade itself, but at the same time it is well to have some machinery provided which will prevent any flagrant cases, and such a machinery will doubtless be supplied by the examination at the Custom House, as is recommended by the Committee. The more fact that there is a possibility that Teas which are coloured to an extreme degree will be condemned will doubtless act as a wholesome deterrent, and will render Cheaters, careful to select Teas in China which are not likely to be subject to confiscation. The matter will thus be met, not as fully perhaps as might be wished, but as far as seems possible, at the point at which the evil originates. The effects of the old plan were that coloured Teas still continued to be shipped to England, and sold by merchants and wholesale dealers, without special care, as it was only when they came into the hands of the unfortunate retail dealers that they became subject to the Act, and thus a very defective check was applied at the risk of occasional severe injustice to men who had not by any means the same facilities for ascertaining the nature of the goods as those who escaped Scott free. Under the old system too, a large quantity of coloured Teas must have escaped detection altogether, and it is likely that among those not discovered by the food commissioners there may have been some of the worst cases. Under the proposed system, it is possible that the Customs examination may not be pushed to the extreme of condemning all the coloured Teas which it might be desirable to have condemned; but the likelihood is that not more will escape from this cause than will escape under the existing system, and there will at least be the certainty of security against all cases of colouring and adulteration of an extreme character.

The steamer *Chinkiang* left Shanghai for this port on the 17th instant.

The steamer *Gladius* is reported as having arrived in London on the 14th instant.

The Calcutta market for Bengal Opium was firm on the 17th instant, at Rs. 1,245 per chest, cash for Patna, and Rs. 1,208 per chest, cash for Benares.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the above Corporation was held at the City Hall, Hongkong, yesterday afternoon. There were present: Mr. W. H. Forbes (Chairman), Hon. R. W. Rogers, Messrs. J. R. Williams, J. F. Forbes, J. D. Rogers, J. A. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, J. K. Rogers, J. L. Rogers, J. M. Rogers, J. N. Rogers, J. O. Rogers, J. P. Rogers, J. Q. Rogers, J. R. Rogers, J. S. Rogers, J. T. Rogers, J. U. Rogers, J. V. Rogers, J. W. Rogers, J. X. Rogers, J. Y. Rogers, J. Z. Rogers, J. A. Rogers, J. B. Rogers, J. C. Rogers, J. D. Rogers, J. E. Rogers, J. F. Rogers, J. G. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, J. I. Rogers, J. J. Rogers, J. K. Rogers, J. L. Rogers, J. M. Rogers, J. N. Rogers, J. O. Rogers, J. P. Rogers, J. Q. Rogers, J. R. Rogers, J. S. Rogers, J. T. Rogers, J. U. Rogers, J. V. Rogers, J. W. Rogers, J. X. Rogers, J. Y. Rogers, J. Z. Rogers, J. A. Rogers, J. B. Rogers, J. C. Rogers, J. D. Rogers, J. E. Rogers, J. F. Rogers, J. G. Rogers, J. H. Rogers, J. I. 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The Government will probably not bring it forward at all. It rests upon the occupation of that part of the island in the fifteenth century by Japanese pirates, who made a settlement there, which was to be sufficient to induce an Ombudsman, named Goto, to form a trading establishment on the island. And Knappler mentions a circumstance showing the estimation in which they were held there in the middle of the seventeenth century. (Appendix, p. 35). The direct claims of both China and Japan, are, evidently, singularly weak, so far as they have been hitherto formulated. It is quite possible that each may have proofs which have not yet been stated; but, until such are produced, the case of neither is strong enough to establish a right to possession.

But China has an indirect claim which, by many, though strongly enough to demand the case in her favour, is, however, inadequate right to Western Formosa, and consequent claim of "contiguity" to the Eastern side. It is argued that her settlement of a part of the island gives her jurisdiction over the whole, and our own title to Australia and New Zealand are quoted as an example in point. But the cases are anything but identical. We have circumnavigated Australia, and New Zealand, and have established settlements at different points so far distant from each other as to make our title good. But China has never circumnavigated Formosa, nor has she ever had a settlement or trading establishment there, nor any but self-assumed jurisdiction over the natives, which she has only asserted since the Japanese came to demand the natives' land. History gives us numerous instances of such "fancy" claims, but tells us, also, how invariably they were resisted. Pope Alexander VI. in 1493, divided a famous bull, by which he declared to Spain all lands discovered or to be discovered, beyond a line drawn from the North Pole to the South, one hundred leagues west of the Azores. Great Britain, France and Holland, and the United States, have since the grant, and fought to maintain their rights against the arrogant pretensions of Spain. To come nearer to our own times, in 1780, when Great Britain discovered the Hawaiian Islands, Vancouver's Island, at Eureka Sound, Spain claimed the whole of the west coast of North America, from far north to far south, on the ground of her discovery of parts of the coast further south; namely, the Gulf of California, confirmed to her by the eighth article of the Peace of Utrecht. The claim was contested by Great Britain, and the dispute terminated by a treaty, which gave the right to both parties. In the same century, the charters of the British colonies on the East Coast only laid down their limits from North to South, leaving them free to pass westward as far as the Pacific Ocean. The United States colonies to the North and South of us, and aimed at connecting them by the Mississippi and St. Lawrence, and the chain of intermediate lakes, and would not have been content with the pretensions, in 1778, when peace was signed between the two nations in Europe, the colonial question was left unsettled, and in 1783, the British and French settlers came into collision on the Ohio.

In 1821, the Emperor Alexander of Russia issued an ukase, asserting an exclusive territorial right on the North-west coast of America from the Gulf of Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico, and on the other side of the Pacific from the same straits down to the island of Urup, on the Kuriles, in 45 deg. 57' N. lat., with 4,000 miles of the coast between them were claimed. The Russian Government claimed was disputed by the United States and Great Britain; and in 1824 and 1825 respectively, Conventions were signed with these countries by Russia, which Russia refused. We might suppose that the Russian Government, with its similar claims, and of similar resistance, but will conclude, with one which bears very particularly on the present question, because it is a long-continued dispute between Great Britain and the United States for the Oregon territory, which more than once threatened to bring the two nations into collision. The United States claimed the whole country from lat. 42 deg. to 54 deg. 40' N., and the claim was supported, of course with pher and stronger arguments, on the ground of "discovery," which, it was held, gave to the United States a stronger right to those territories than could be advanced by any other power. This claim of "discovery" appearing to us to be the only claim of "discovery" which is of any worth consideration, we must quote the United States' argument rather fully. "If," it was said—

"A few trading factories on the shore of Hudson's Bay have been considered by Great Britain as giving an exclusive right of occupancy as far as the Rocky Mountains; if the infant settlements on the more southern Atlantic States justify the claim of the United States to the whole country from lat. 42 deg. to 54 deg. 40' N., and the claim was supported, of course with pher and stronger arguments, on the ground of "discovery," which, it was held, gave to the United States a stronger right to those territories than could be advanced by any other power. This claim of "discovery" appearing to us to be the only claim of "discovery" which is of any worth consideration, we must quote the United States' argument rather fully. "If," it was said—

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THE FAMILY OF DR. LIVINGSTONE.
At a recent meeting of the Royal Geographical Society Sir Henry Rawlinson and the meeting would like to hear what the Government would do as to the family of Dr. Livingstone. Sir Bartle Frere had already informed the society that the pension of £200 per annum would be continued to the family, and that application had been made to the Government for a grant of money. The amount recommended by the deputation had been £10,000 or £11,000, but the Government, taking all the circumstances into consideration, had decided to grant a pension of £2,000, and Parliament would be asked to vote this amount. Government had also undertaken to pay all expenses of the family, and of the doctor's widow. About £1,000 had been due in this way when his followers reached Zanzibar, and the Consul there drew for the amount on the Royal Geographical Society. The society, though feeling the greatest interest in and honor for Dr. Livingstone, did not think they were fairly liable for these debts, and Sir Bartle Frere, who had taken the whole upon themselves, so that now the pensioning matter would be the property of the Royal Geographical Society and the Geographical Society have been satisfactorily concluded.

THE BRUSSELS CONFERENCE.
The prudent and dignified course, says the *Revue* of the 18th, which the Foreign Office is adopting with reference to the Brussels Conference will give general satisfaction, and will convince the nation that the honour of England is quite safe in the hands of the Government. Lord Derby's reply to the question of the question last Friday evening stated the intentions of the Foreign Office with the utmost precision and clearness. Lord Derby, moreover, explained the position of the Foreign Office on the subject of the Conference will be submitted to Parliament this week, and that his only reason for not laying it on the table at once was that it would be more courteous to the diplomatic world, who have promoted the scheme to bear the answer of the Foreign Secretary otherwise than through the newspapers. From motives of international policy, and to avoid any misconception, which might be caused by our entire abstinence from the Conference, the Government have resolved to agree conditionally to the appointment of a representative of the Court of St. James, and to accept a preliminary protest against any attempt to impose sweeping and abstract principles of international law upon the British Government in the form of a preliminary article of general proposition, or to a treaty obligation. We are protesting further against any such extension of the scope of the Conference as shall be likely to interfere with our present methods of maritime warfare. Our representative, although he will probably be a diplomatist, will not be invested with plenipotentiary powers. He will "assist" at the Brussels Conference rather in the French than in the English sense, and will sit in the capacity of a critic and observer. His continued presence at the Conference will evidently depend upon the drift and tone of the discussions.

NOTES ON WEATHERS.—A beautiful journalistic reporter has upon a method of taking notes of the weather, which he has observed by those surrounding him. He wears large wristbands to his wrists, and nonchalantly jots his impressions on them with his microscopic eye of pencil. At first his handiwork was mere chaos, but after a few days he has written a series of notes, which he has learned the meaning of the signs, and thus learned the ways of the week while passing his handiwork. One day he has written, "Your last washing was very interesting, only you don't give us enough political news."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
The stock of Bengal drug having been concentrated now in but two hands, it has, under the influence of a strong native desire to operate, advanced. Patna, from the opening rate of the morning of 85¢ 3/4 closed at 87¢ 1/4 at 88¢ 1/4; would stock 550 chests. In Benares, during the past few days, a small amount of business has been transacted, varying from 55¢ 3/4 to 57¢ 1/2; with no very great interest at present. No change in Malwa. Aggregate sales of drug at Mirzapur amount to about 425 chests at 87¢ 1/2; on credit, the largest quantity has been paid for first quality hard cakes free of allowance.

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Extracts.

CALM AT SEA.

The night is clear,
The sky is fair,
The waves are rolling on the ocean;
And far and near
The silent sea
Just like the flag with faintest motion.

There is no sail to
To fill the sail,
No wind to leave a cooling fallow;
The strainer drop
And trembling sleep,
Like long, that crown the weeping willow.

From off the shore
I heard the roar
Of waves in soft, sweet rolling,
The twinkling stars
And whispering air
Are all to peace the heart controlling.

The moon is bright,
Her light is clear,
In silver, pale the blue stream,
Of light with gold,
Where lightly sail,
Like heavy snow, the rack is driven.

How calm and clear
The clear air is,
How much and still the glossy ocean!
While stars above
Seem laden with love,
To light the temple of devotion.

J. C. PERKINS.

THE BORDER BALLADS.

It is exceedingly difficult, if precision is desired, to find one way through a state of society so disorganised as that which appears in the Border ballads, so as to arrive at very definite conclusions as to the principles by which it was governed. The following statement, however, may be taken as true only in general, while admitting of occasional exceptions. The moral code, for example, of the Border ballads is, as a rule, plain even to naïveté. It is merely "the good old rule, the simple plan, That they should take who the power, And they should keep who the man."

For the most part, therefore, in these ballads, there is implied, while in many there bursts out in exceedingly natural, straightforward language, an admiration, a worship of physical force, of sheer valour, of the kind which is taken to relate what is lost, and, if seeking is impossible, to revenge at least. Let us see how this rude morality shows in some of the Border ballads. The raiders who march to rescue Kilmont Willie from Carlisle, in the ballad which takes its title from him, are described as meeting "the fussy Sakele, who, in reply to their salutations as to his object, he said, 'I hold various avocations; but evidently the minister's sympathies go, and those of his audience would follow, with Dickie of Dryhope who 'had never a word of love.'"

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annual. How do I like the States, did you say? Oh, sir, I don't like them at all. I like the State of Connecticut the best of all I have been in. I don't like it at all. It is a dull, cold, miserable place. They kept us three days at Baltimore to discharge cargo. I was charged one day at St. Louis—a nasty, gloomy, smoky place, it is not fit for a human being. I thought I would bring my English gold for my hotel bill, and I was in great trouble and distress. Did I get my baggage all right? Yes, sir. There is nine hundred pounds of it. Why did I bring so much, did you say? Why, sir, my husband wrote me that he had got a perfect little Eden of a place in Colorado. Yes, sir, he calls our new home Eden, and I thought I would bring as many of the old things from home as possible, and I brought a box of tea, a barrel of sugar, several bolts of long cloth, some boots and clothing, and at least a hundred different kinds of garden seeds. We will be so happy when I get home. But, sir (crying), I really think I never will reach home again. These weeks of travel all alone has nearly cost me my life.

What is my husband doing in Colorado, did you say, sir? He is sheep farming. He was a tailor and gentlemen's-furnisher in Gloucester. We lived in one house nineteen years; my father kept the business before I married my husband. We were doing very well and getting rich, but my husband, who had been half a dozen times to the States, wanted to travel. In an evil hour I consented to sell out our business in Gloucester. He took \$2,000 with him, and started to Colorado. His letters which he wrote from Colorado were very interesting, they told me of our country, of the weather at home. Oh, sir, if you could know how tired I am of travelling, how lonesome I feel here upon these plains so many thousands of miles from my dear old home, you would realize how anxious I am to meet my husband.

The sun and the moon rolled on westward, and toward evening on the second day, out from Kansas City we came in sight of Big Horn. My fellow-passenger was all bustle and excitement; she had been half a dozen times to the States to adjust her hair and apparel. The beautiful little boy in his Scotch cap, blue jacket, and black stockings had had his golden locks freshly curled, his rosy cheeks washed, and stood upon the car seat looking out of the window—looking for "Father." "Oh, mother, I think I see Father," said Charlie. "No, mother, it is some one else. Oh, I see a mother, mother, some person is a wagon mother. There it is, mother, there we are past it now. Now we shall see father, we are home."

The train stopped. The weary, travel-soured faces of Charles Dickens gathered upon the car seats and her cheeks, and stepped out upon the wild black spot called Bijon station. The passengers, all interested in the tall, thin, and unsophisticated pair of travellers, crowded to the windows of the car to witness the expected meeting between husband and wife. They saw it. While her baggage was being taken out of the car she stood with her baby in her arms, and her boy by her side, gazing around upon the strange scene, and peering eagerly among the rough clad ranchmen and plainmen for the face, which alone of all others she wished to see. A rough-looking, but polite ranchman stepped forward, and with a clumsy bow and bashful manner, inquired who the "Madam" desired to see.

"I want my husband, Mr. Henry Lester. Does he not keep a sheep and cattle farm near here?"

"He did, madam," answered the ranchman, "but he's rounded up his herd for the last time. There he is in that coffin!"

On last Wednesday night, he was run over by the engine of the Great Northern, and he is in that coffin, madam. He died of congestion of the bowels, madam. Beg pardon, madam, but are you his wife?"

He did not finish his sentence, but stepped forward to catch the falling form of my fellow-traveller, who was carried to the car in a swoon. The rich lady, attended by a pious and careful nurse, led him sobbing back to the car which this weary and travel-tired lady left a minute before so hopeful and so happy. There were many wet eyes in that car just then, mine among the rest, as I held the beautiful boy sobbing to my breast.

I saw my fellow-traveller twice again, once when she followed her husband to his last resting place, and once when she returned to the car with two mourners, and again when, pale, and bowed with grief, she started with her fair-haired boy upon her long journey back to the quiet shade and seclusion of her old home within the shadows of Gloucester cathedral.

THE EFFECTS OF DRY AND HUMID ATMOSPHERES ON HUMIDITY.

There is good reason, inductive and deductive, for believing that the bodily functions are facilitated by atmospheric conditions which make evaporation from the skin and lungs tolerably rapid. That weak persons, whose variations of health furnish good tests, are worse when the air is surcharged with water, is about to precipitate, and that better when the weather is fine, and that such persons are commonly enervated by residence in moist localities, but invigorated by residence in dry ones, are facts generally recognized. And this relation of cause and effect, manifest in individuals, is one which we may suspect holds in races, and that beings of constitutional activity due to difference of atmospheric humidity are less traceable than in torrid regions, the reason being that the inhabitants are subjected to a tolerably rapid escape of water from their surfaces; since the air, though well charged with water, will take up more when the temperature is raised, and it is otherwise in tropical regions where the body and the air heating it differ much less in temperature, and where, indeed, the air is often higher in temperature than the body. Here the rate of evaporation depends almost wholly on the quantity of surrounding vapor. If the air is hot and moist, the escape of water through the skin and lungs is greatly hindered; while it is greatly facilitated if the air is hot and dry. Hence, in the torrid zone, we may expect constitutional differences between the otherwise-alike inhabitants of the low, steamy tracts and the tracts which are habitually parched with heat. Needless are the cautious and pious expiation for maintaining the momentum of fluids through the tissues, and that further molecular changes, it is to be inferred that other circumstances being alike, there will be more bodily activity in the people of hot and dry localities than in the people of hot and humid localities.—Herbert Spencer, *Popular Science Monthly*.

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